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August 17, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**GORMAN POST ROAD FROM PEACE VALLEY ROAD TO
LANCASTER ROAD (STATE ROUTE 138) AND PEACE VALLEY ROAD
FROM FRAZIER MOUNTAIN PARK ROAD TO GORMAN POST ROAD
CHANGE IN FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the enclosed Resolution requesting the change in the functional classification from Minor Collectors to Major Collectors for the following County roads: (1) Gorman Post Road from Peace Valley Road to Lancaster Road (State Route 138) and (2) Peace Valley Road from Frazier Mountain Park Road to Gorman Post Road, which are located in the unincorporated Gorman area of Los Angeles County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 requires the use of a functional highway classification process to update and modify the Federal-aid highway system. Functional classification is the process by which roads, streets, and highways are grouped into classes or systems according to the type of service they are intended to provide. In rural areas, Minor Collectors provide service to smaller communities and link them with

their rural neighbors. Major Collectors are used as intra-County travel corridors. Principal Arterials provide for statewide or interstate travel. Federal transportation programs permit the use of Federal funds on streets and roads provided that they are functionally classified as Major Collectors or higher.

Gorman Post Road and Peace Valley Road are currently functionally classified as Minor Collectors. This functional classification is out of date. Over time, as development of the area has occurred, vehicular traffic on these roadways has significantly increased. These segments offer the only alternate route to the Golden State Freeway available in the area and, as such, the motoring public now uses them as an intra-County travel corridor. Therefore, both of these roads qualify to be functionally classified as Major Collectors.

As part of the application for change in the functional classification of these roads, the Federal Highway Administration requires the governing board of a local agency to adopt a resolution requesting this change. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to comply with this requirement.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility. The change in the functional classification of Gorman Post Road and Peace Valley Road will allow these roads to become eligible for funding under various Federal transportation grant programs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The change in the functional classification of these roads will have no impact on the County's General Fund. The use of Federal funds to improve these roadways will reduce the burden on the Road Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As required by the State of California Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority concurred with the requested change in the functional classification on May 17, 2006.

The enclosed Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The adoption of the enclosed Resolution and the requested change in the functional reclassification of these County roads do not constitute a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act as provided in Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 307 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

An environmental review will be conducted for any future improvement projects proposed on these roads, and the appropriate environmental finding will be submitted to your Board for adoption.

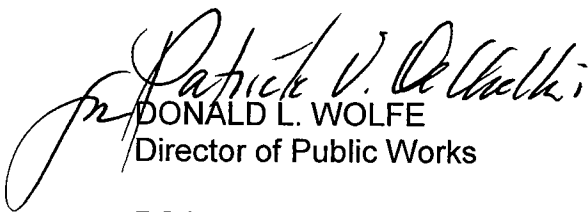
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The change in the functional classification will enable access to grants from various Federal transportation programs for future improvement projects on these roads.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please return two adopted copies of this letter and the Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
REQUESTING THE CHANGE IN FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF
GORMAN POST ROAD
FROM PEACE VALLEY ROAD TO LANCASTER ROAD (STATE ROUTE 138) AND
PEACE VALLEY ROAD
FROM FRAZIER MOUNTAIN PARK ROAD TO GORMAN POST ROAD
AS MAJOR COLLECTORS**

WHEREAS, (1) Gorman Post Road from Peace Valley Road to Lancaster Road (State Route 138) and (2) Peace Valley Road from Frazier Mountain Park Road to Gorman Post Road are currently classified as Minor Collectors within the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has determined that these two roads meet the Federal Highway Administration Guidelines for functional classification as Major Collectors; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency, has concurred with the change in the functional classification of these roads to Major Collectors; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, which administers Federal transportation funds, through the State of California Department of Transportation, requires that a Resolution be approved by the governing body of a local agency that request a change in the functional classification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby request the change in the functional classification from Minor Collectors to Major Collectors of the following County roads: (1) Gorman Post Road from Peace Valley Road to Lancaster Road (State Route 138), and (2) Peace Valley Road from Frazier Mountain Park Road to Gorman Post Road.


The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2006, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By 
Deputy